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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YOICHI TAKADA, ET AL.) Examiner: Unassigned
Appln. No.: 10/735,902) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: December 16, 2003) February 20, 2004
For: INK SET AND IMAGE FORMING)
PROCESS, AND WATER-BASED)
INK USED THEREIN)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	APPLICANTS	GROUP ART UNIT	STATUS
10/662,282	9/16/2003	Yoichi Takada, Shinya Mishina, Shinichi Hakamada, Noriyasu Asaki, Yasuhiro Nito, Masashi Tsujimura and Takashi Imai	Unassigned	Pending

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10/670,242	9/26/2003	Hiroyuki Ogino, Motoo Urawa, Muneyoshi Sunada, Yoichi Takada, Masanori Ito, Hiroshi Asakawa, Hideki Takayama, Hitoshi Nagashima and Takashi Sawada	Unassigned	Pending

A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

REMARKS

The following documents are discussed at the following respective pages of the specification:

<u>Document</u>	<u>Page(s)</u>
JP-A 6-106735 (US 5,734,403)	2
JP-A 9-207424 (US 6,084,619, 6,286,953)	3
JP-A 2000-37942 (US 6,341,854)	3
JP 6-86142 B2	3
JP-A 2000-94825	3
JP-A 2000-281947	4
JP-A 2000-1641 (6,020,398)	4
4,723,129	39
4,740,796	39
JP 2783647	39
4,463,359	40
4,345,262	40
4,313,124	40
4,558,333	41
4,459,600	41
JP-A 59-123670	41
JP-A 59-138461	41
JP-A 54-56847	44
JP-A 60-61260 (4,608,577)	44

Abstracts for all the Japanese references were obtained from a commercial database, and are attached to their respective copies.

FORMAL MATTERS

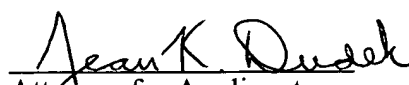
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, neither a certification, petition, nor payment of a fee is required. Any fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		6,582,070 B2	6/24/2003	Takada, et al.	347	100	
		6,540,329 B1	4/1/2003	Kaneko, et al.	347	43	
		6,506,239 B1	1/14/2003	Osumi, et al.	106	31.27	
		6,435,658 B1	8/20/2002	Kato, et al.	347	43	
		2002/0093557 A1	7/18/2002	Takuhara, et al.	347	100	
		6,341,854 B1	1/29/2002	Takemoto	347	96	
		6,286,953 B1	9/11/2001	Takemoto, et al.	347	100	
		6,238,045 B1	5/29/2001	Ono, et al.	347	96	
		6,084,619	7/4/2000	Takemoto, et al.	347	96	
		6,027,210	2/22/2000	Kurabayashi, et al.	347	100	
		6,020,398	2/1/2000	Erdtmann, et al.	523	160	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		2002-332437	11/22/2002	Japan			Abstract
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		2002-52804	2/19/2002	Japan			Abstract
		2000-281947	10/10/2000	Japan			Abstract
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		60-71260	4/23/1985	Japan			Abstract and US counterpart
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		59-123670	7/17/1984	Japan			Abstract
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